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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEWS RELEASE BY OFFICIAL
LARG NEWS AGENCY
(ARNA) ON OCTOBER 10: QUOTE
LIBYAN
ARAB REPUBLIC HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE GULF
OF SIRTE WHICH EXTENDS
INTO HER LANDS WITH EASTERN, SOUTHERN
AND WESTERN BORDERS, IS REGARDED AS AN INTEGRAL PART
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OF HER TERRITORY AND IS SUBJECT TO HER FULL SOVEREIGNTY

AS INTERNAL WATERS THEN STRETCHING INTO TERRITORIAL WATERS, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY.

"THIS BEING SO BECAUSE THE GULF OF SIRTE PENETRATES DEEP INTO LIBYA'S TERRITORY AND BECAUSE OF UNQUESTIONABLE LIBYAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER IT DURING A

LONG HISTORY AS ITS PROPERTY VITAL TO HER SECURITY AND BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTROL IT COMPLETELY IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OVERLOOKING THE CENTER OF THE COUNTRY.

" THE ANNOUNCEMENT FIXED THE NORTHERN LIMIT OF THE GULF OF SIRTE AT THE LATITUDE OF 32 DEGREES AND 30 MINUTES.

"ACCORDINGLY, THE LAR ANNOUNCES THAT THE GULF OF SIRTE WITHIN ITS AFORESAID LIMITS IS SUBJECT TO HER FULL SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL FUNCTIONS REGARDING

LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER AELERTS IN VIEW OF SHIPS AND PEOPLE WHICH IT MAY CONTAIN. FOREIGN SHIPS, WHETHER BEING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, SHALL BE PREVENTED FROM ENTERING THE GULF WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE COMPETENT LIBYAN AUTHORITIES AND ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS TO BE DRAWN UP BY THE LAR.

"THE LAR RESERVES THE RIGHT OF FISHING IN THIS GULF FOR HER CITIZENS. IN GENERAL THE LAR SHALL EXERCISE HER FULL SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS OVER THE GULF AS IT IS THE CASE IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE STATE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID." END QUOTE.

2. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

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